



SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 18, 2017
Bay Area Metro Center

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / CONFIRM QUORUM

ABAG Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee Chair Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, Alameda County, called the meeting of the Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee of the Association of Bay Area Governments to order.

A quorum of the Committee was present.

Members Present:

Chair, Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Alameda County
Councilmember Julie Pierce, ABAG President, City of Clayton
Vice Mayor Dave Hudson, City of San Ramon
Supervisor Karen Mitchoff, Contra Costa County
Supervisor David Rabbitt, ABAG Vice President, Sonoma County
Supervisor David Cortese, Santa Clara County
Mayor Greg Scharff, City of Palo Alto

ABAG Staff:

Brad Paul, Deputy Executive Director, Local Government Services
Duane Bay, Assistant Planning and Research Director
Halimah Anderson, Communications Officer
Jenny Berg, Principal BayREN Program Manager
Fred Castro, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board

MTC Staff:

Rebecca Long, Government Relations Manager
Georgia Gann Dohrmann, Associate Government Relations Manager

2. Approval of Minutes from April 20, 2017 Meeting.

Vice Mayor Hudson made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Julie Pierce. The meeting minutes were approved (7-0).

3. Duane Bay, ABAG Assistant Planning and Research Director provided an overview on AB 494 (Bloom) Land use: accessory dwelling units and SB 167 (Skinner) Housing Accountability Act.

- Following the staff report, the committee voted to take a *watch* position on AB 494 (Bloom) (7-0).
 - The committee voted to **oppose** SB 167 (Skinner), the Housing Accountability Act. Both the League and CSAC oppose the bill. The bill would alter the burden of proof for the denial of a housing project. SB 167 would make significant changes to the Housing Affordability Act with new terms and definitions; broaden the ability to sue local governments, and increase fines on local governments (7-0).
4. **Rebecca Long, MTC Government Relations Manager** discussed the MTC and ABAG Joint Housing Principles and noted that the MTC Legislation Committee did not move to approve the principles.
- Councilmember Pierce recommended the ABAG L&GO Committee not move to approve the principles. Pierce noted the principles do not touch on all aspects of all of the bills. The principles are good guidelines, but specific bills need to come back before the committee.
 - Mayor Scharff noted that the committee needs to focus on bills that incentivize governments to build housing versus focusing on penalties for not building.
 - Supervisor Rabbitt noted that the Governor sees housing as a local problem to solve.
 - Following discussion, the committee voted not to support the housing principles (7-0).
5. **Georgia Gann Dohrmann, MTC Associate Government Relations Manager** presented an overview on AB 686. She noted that MTC is recommending an **Oppose Unless Amended** position on the bill.
- Councilmember Pierce noted it is important for housing decisions to be made at a local level. Pierce recommended opposing the bill.
 - Scharff noted that it would be better if this bill mirrored the existing federal law regarding Fair Housing.
 - The committee voted to **oppose** the bill (7-0).
6. **Jenny Berg, ABAG Principal BayREN Program Manager** presented AB 1088 (Eggman), the Multifamily residential housing/energy bill and recommended a support position. She noted that it would help lower utility bills for low income households and support development of strategies for water and energy efficiency.
- The committee voted unanimously to **support** AB 1088.
7. **Brad Paul, ABAG Acting Executive Director** presented additional legislation that staff are currently tracking and asked the committee if they had specific questions on any of the bills.
- The committee voted to oppose AB 71 (Chiu) Income taxes credits for low-income housing because the source of funding would come from eliminating the 2nd home mortgage tax deduction.

- The committee also voted to oppose AB 1585 (Bloom) Planning and zoning: affordable housing: single application.
- A request was made for AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) regarding contract services for local governments to be added to the next agenda.
- A request was made for more information on SB 435 to be provided at the next committee meeting.
- The committee voted to support AB 184 (Berman) Sea level rise planning: databases.

The next L&GO Committee Meeting will be announced soon.